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H. R. 4226

To authorize the conduct of small projects for the rehabilitation or removal of dams.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

November 3, 2005

Mr. Frank of Massachusetts introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SMALL PROJECTS FOR THE REHABILITATION
- 4 OR REMOVAL OF DAMS.
- 5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Army (re-
- 6 ferred to in this section as the "Secretary") may carry
- 7 out a small dam removal or rehabilitation project, includ-
- 8 ing a project relating to a privately-owned dam that does
- 9 not generate hydropower, if the Secretary determines that

- 1 the project will enhance public safety or improve the qual-
- 2 ity of the environment, or is in the public interest.
- 3 (b) Cost Sharing.—A non-Federal interest shall
- 4 provide 35 percent of the cost of the removal or remedi-
- 5 ation of any project carried out under this section, includ-
- 6 ing provision of all land, easements, rights-of-way, and
- 7 necessary relocations.
- 8 (c) AGREEMENTS.—Construction of a project under
- 9 this section shall be commenced only after a non-Federal
- 10 interest has entered into a binding agreement with the
- 11 Secretary to pay—
- 12 (1) the non-Federal share of the costs of con-
- struction required by this section; and
- 14 (2) 100 percent of any operation and mainte-
- nance costs.
- 16 (d) Cost Limitation.—Not more than \$5,000,000
- 17 in Federal funds may be allotted under this section for
- 18 a project at any single location.
- 19 (e) Funding.—There is authorized to be appro-
- 20 priated to carry out this section \$25,000,000 for each fis-
- 21 cal year.

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